

STATEMENT SHOWING MINIMUM NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE AND ORDINARY HOURS OF
LABOUR FOR WORKERS IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA AT

30TH JUNE, 1957.

(Rates of Wage are quoted from the latest Award, Determination or Agreement operative
at 30th June, 1957.)

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Industry and Occupation	Wage rate	Hours	Remarks	Source (a)
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
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<u>COOPERING -</u> Cooper	343/-	40		Coopers (Comm'th) Agreement.
<u>FURNITURE -</u> Cabinet Maker	330/-	") Furnishing Trades (Comm'th) Award
Chairmaker	330/-	"		
French Polisher	330/-	"		
Wood Carver	330/-	"		
Wood Machinist	330/-	"	"A" Grade Machinist	
<u>SAWMILLING & TIMBER YDS.-</u> Box and Case Maker	295/-	") Timber Workers (Comm'th) Award
Labourer	269/-	"	"Experienced" (i.e. with 3 months experience)	
Machinist -				
Boults Carver	325/-	")	
Moulding	325/-	"	) "A" Grade machinists.
Planing	325/-	"	) n.i.e.
Shaping	325/-	"	) tradesmen or with 4
Orderman	303/-	"	years experience	
Sawyer -				
Band or Jig	330/-	"	Log band sawyer	
Circular	322/-	"	Cutting a depth of at least 7½"	
Tallyman	298/-	"	Man who keeps an account of timber	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u> Boilermaker	330/-	40) Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
Helper	278/-	"	Assisting an employee whose margin is 27/6 or more	
Labourer	264/-	"	With not less than 3 months experience	
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION -</u> Electrical Mechanic	330/-	") Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY -</u> Electrical Fitter	358/-	"	) Include 20/- power
Instrument Maker	358/-	"	) station allowance
Linesman	338/-	"		
Sub Station Maintenance Fitter	338/-	"		
<u>ENGINEERING -</u> Blacksmith	332/6	") Tradesman
Brassfinisher	330/-	"		
Coppersmith	332/6	"		

(a) Commonwealth-refers to awards of the Commonwealth and Arbitration Commission.
State- refers to determinations of Victorian Wages Boards.

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<u>ENGINEERING</u> Contd.					
Fitter	330/-	40	With not less than 3 months experience		
Labourer	264/-	"			
Patternmaker	352/6	"			
Shaper	330/-	"			
Striker	282/6	"			
Turner	330/-	"	Machinist 1st Class on double fires		
<u>FOUNDRY</u> -					
Coremakers-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience	Metal Trades (Comm'th) Award	
Coremakers-jobbing	330/-	"	) Shot and sand blast-not operating from outside a properly enclosed cabin	
Dressers	302/6	"			
Furnaceman	300/-	"			
Moulders-machine	305/-	"	After 18 months experience		
Moulders-jobbing	330/-	"			
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING</u> -					
Canister Maker	285/-	"	By hand		
Machinist	277/-	"	Power-not elsewhere specified		
Solderer	277/-	"			
Sheet metal worker 1st class	330/-	"			
Sheet metal worker 2nd Class	305/-	"			
<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC.</u>					
<u>BAKING (BREAD)</u> -					
Board Hand	362/6	40		Bread Trade Board (State)	
Bread Carter	335/6	"			
Ovensman	362/6	"		Bread Trade Board (State)	
Single Hand	385/10	"			
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS & CAKES)</u> -					
Baker	313/-	40		Biscuit Board (State)	
General Labourer	283/-	"			
Mixer	313/-	"			
<u>BREWING</u> -					
Cellarman	305/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)	
Driver (Motor 3 tons)	300/6	"			
Labourer	298/-	"		Transport Workers (General) (Comm'th)	
Malt Hand	303/-	"			
Towerman	305/-	"		The Liquor Trades (Breweries) Award (Comm'th)	
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)</u> -					
Carter (1 horse)	298/-	"	Acts as Shopman or is principally engaged in cutting for window display		
General Butcher	330/-	"			

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<u>FOOD, DRINK, ETC. Contd.</u>				
<u>BUTCHERING Contd.</u>				
Shopman	330/-	40		
Smallgoods maker	323/-	"		
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	320/-	"		) Confectioners Board) (State)
Storeman	306/6	"		
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General labourer	282/-	"	With 4 months or more experience	Food Preservers Award (Comm'th)
Solderer	287/-	"		
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	341/-	"		) Meat Preservers Board (State)
Guillotine Hand	353/10	"		
Jokerman	337/-	"		
Packer	337/-	"		
Seamer	341/-	"		
<u>MILLING (Flour) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	370/-	"	In charge of a shift in mill exceeding 10,000lb flour per hour	) Flour Millers Award (Commonwealth)
Packerman	308/-	"		
Purifierman	312/6	"		
Smutterman	312/6	"		
Storeman (Head)	323/-	"	With power to engage or dismiss hands	
Topman	312/6	"		
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	281/-	"		) Pastrycooks Board (State)
Pastrycook	332/-	"		
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Clicker	312/-	40	Clicking outside (other than felt fabric roans or splits)	Footwear Manufacturing Industry Award (Comm'th)
<u>TAILORING (ORDER)-</u>				
Cutter	353/-	"		
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE)-</u>				
Cutter	331/-	"		) Clothing Trade Award (Comm'th)
Presser	315/-	"		
Tailor	326/-	"		
Trimmer	315/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING-</u>				
<u>(Woollen Mills)-</u>				
Carder	290/-	"	Balling up card operator	) Textile Industry (Woollen and Worsted Section) Award- (Comm'th)
Dyehouseman	290/-	"		
Labourer (General)	261/-	"	Responsible for mixing of liquors and working of bowls	
Scourer (Wool)	299/6	"		
Spinner	290/-	"		
Loom Tuner	328/-	"	Jacquard loom after 2 yrs experience	
Warper (Plain)	293/-	"		
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	330/-	") Graphic Arts Award (Comm'th)
Bookbinder	330/-	"		
Paper Ruler	330/-	"		

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<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPER)</u>				
Compositor (Machine) -				
Day Work	457/6	38		) Printing Industry
Night Work	492/6	38		) Employees Union Agreement
<u>Machinist</u>				
Day Work	419/9	40		) Victorian Printers
Night Work	454/9	38		) Operatives Union
Publisher-(Day & Night)	356/9	40		) Agreement
Reader -	391/9	38		
Day Work	413/-	40		) Printing Industry
Night Work	448/-	38		) Employees Union Agreement
Setter -				
Day Work	415/3	39		) Victorian Printers
Night Work	450/3	38		) Operative Union Agreement
<u>PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES)</u>				
Compositor	352/6	40		
Linotype Operator	352/6	"		) The Graphic Arts
Machinist	330/-	"	e.g. Letterpress Machinist	) Award-(Comm'th)
Reader	337/6	"		
Stereotyper	330/-	"		
<u>OTHER MANUFACTURING</u>				
<u>BRICKMAKING -</u>				
Burner	314/-	40		
Pitman	334/6	"	Other Facemen (other bricks)	
Drawer	326/-	"	Employed in Hoffman Kilns	) Brick Trade Wages
Trucker	308/-	"		) Board
Setter	326/-	"		) (State)
<u>VEHICLE BUILDING -</u>				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	330/-	"		
Labourer	258/-	"		
Painter	322/6	"		) Vehicle Industry
Spring fitter	330/-	"		) Award (Comm'th)
Trimmer	322/6	"		
Wheelwright	330/-	"		
<u>GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY-</u>				
Coke Trimmer	284/-	40		
Gasfitter	346/6	"		) Gas Employees (Vic. etc) Award C'wth
Labourer	278/-	"		) Plumbers Board (State)
Meter Tester	313/-	"		) Gas Employees (Vic. etc.) Award-(Comm'th)
Service Layer	305/6	"		) Gas Meter Board (Stat)
Service Layers' Labourer	281/-	"		
Stoker	303/-	"	Stoker vertical retorts	) Gas Employees (Vic. et Award-(Comm'th)
<u>JEWELLERY -</u>				
Chainmaker	325/6	"	Molter and Alloyer	
Mounter	353/-	"	Precious gem mounter	) Jewellers Board (Stat)
Setter	353/-	"	Setter of precious gems	
<u>LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK-</u>				
Canvas Worker	307/-	"		) Saddlery, Leather and
Leather Worker	307/-	"		) Canvas Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>TANNING AND CURRYING-</u>				
Beamsman	308/6	"		
Labourer	278/6	"		
Lime jobber	306/6	"		
Machinist-				
Shaving	316/-	") Tanning Industry
Splitting	333/6	") Award (Comm'th)
Unhairing	308/6	"		
Tableman	309/6	"		

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<u>BUILDING *</u>				
Bricklayer	376/8	40	All other bricklayers) Bricklayers Board (State)
Bricklayer (sewer and tunnel)	392/3	")
Carpenter	348/6	"		) Carpenters and Joiners Award (Comm'th)
Mason (Stone)	337/-	"		) Stonemasons (S.A. & Vic.) Award (Comm'th)
Painter	374/2	")
Paperhanger	370/9	"		) Painters Board (State)
Signwriter	370/9	")
Plasterer (Surface)	376/8	"		) Plasterers Board (State)
Plumber	380/9	"		) Plumbers Board (State)
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	331/8	"	)	) Builders Labourers (Construction on Site) Award (Comm'th)
Carpenter's	331/8	"	) Builders Labourers - Ordinary)
Concrete Worker	331/8	"))
Earth Excavator	331/8	"))
Gear Worker	342/6	"	) Builders Labourers - Skilled)
Scaffold Hand	342/6	"))
<u>RAILWAYS & TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Engine Driver Loco -				
Steam, diesel electric or electric	398/-	Ø	Driver loco or electric train after 1st year)
Driving 120 miles or more per shift	413/-	Ø)
Shunting Engine	339/6	Ø	Driver (shunting) - After 1st Year	) Locomotive Engin men's Award (Comm'th)
Fireman				
Ordinary	315/6	Ø	Fireman - After 1st year)
Working 120 miles or more per shift	323/-	Ø)
Shunting Engine	296/6	Ø	Fireman (shunting), after 2nd Year)
Guard -				
1st Class	356/-	Ø)
2nd Class	341/-	Ø	5th year of service)
Porter -	294/6	Ø	Parcels, Class 1-2nd Year of service	) Railway Traffic. Permanent Way and Signalling Wages Staff (Comm'th) Award.
Shunter -				
Leading	359/6	+	Leading, Class 1-2nd year of service)
Ordinary	317/-	+	3rd year of service)
Signalman -				
1st Class	353/-	+)
2nd Class	336/-	Ø)
3rd Class	323/-	Ø)
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st year	286/-	40)
2nd year	300/6	")
Thereafter	300/6	")
Labourer	281/-	")
Track Repairer	289/-	")
Tram Driver	308/-	")
Pitman	312/-	")

* Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for leave, holidays, following the job, etc.
 Ø 80 hours per fortnight. + 76 hours per fortnight.

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<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>			
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>			
<u>Carter -</u>			
1 Horse	278/6	40) Transport Workers (General) Award- (Comm'th)
2 Horses	291/-	"	
Stable Hand	273/-	"	
Motor Lorries & Waggons-			
3 tons	300/6	"	
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	310/-	"	
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>			
Wharf Labourer(per hour).10/2		"	Waterside Workers Award (Comm'th)
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>			
<u>HOTELS -</u>			
Barman	295/-	40	) Liquor Trades (Hotel) and Wine Saloons)) Award-(Comm'th)
Billiard Marker	275/-	"	
Cook	370/-	"	
1st cook, 8 or more persons employed in kitchen			
Handyman	275/-	"	
Kitchenman	275/-	"	
Porter	275/-	"	
Waiter	275/-	"	
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>			
Hairdresser (Mens)	328/-	"	Hairdressers Board (State)
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>			
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>			
<u>Engine Driver -</u>			
1st Class	318/-	40	) Engine Drivers and) Firemen(General)) Award-(Comm'th)
2nd Class	307/6	"	
<u>Fireman</u>			
1st Class	300/-	"	
2nd Class	287/6	"	
<u>MUNICIPAL</u>			
Labourer	288/6	"	) Municipal Employee Melbourne City Council) Agreement (Comm'th)
Street Sweeper	294/-	"	
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>			
Boot Salesman	313/-	"	Shops Board No.1, Boot dealers)(State) Shops Board No.9 (Drapers and Mens Clothing)(State) Shops Board No.14 (Furniture Dealers) (State) Shops Board No.15 (Grocers)(State) Shops Board No.16 (Hardware)(State) Shops Board No.9 (Drapers and Men's Clothing)(State)
Drapery Salesman	313/-	"	
Furniture Salesman	317/-	"	
Grocery Salesman	307/6	"	
Hardware Salesman	313/-	"	
Men's Clothing Salesman	313/-	"	
<u>STOREMAN AND PACKERS -</u>			
Packer (General)	306/6	"	
Storeman(General)	306/6	"	
) Storeman, Packers and) Sorters Board) (State)

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Industry and Occupation	Wage Rate	Hours	Remarks	Source
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			<u>FOOD</u>	
Biscuit Making	217/-	40		Biscuit Board(State)
Confectionery	212/-	"		Confectioners Board (State)
			<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>	
Boatmaking	214/-	"		Footwear Manufactur Award-(Comm'th)
Dressmaking, Ready Made-Cutter	233/-	"		
Millinery Cutter	233/-	"		
Shirt Making Cutter	233/-	"		
Underclothing "	233/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S)-ORDER-</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	233/-	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	218/6	"		
Taildress	254/-	"		Clothing Trades Award (Comm'th)
Adult Female	198/-	"		
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE-</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	221/6	"		
Trousers & Vest Hand	215/6	"		
Adult Female	198/-	"		
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS</u>				
Comb Minder	212/-	"	After 6 months experience	
Darker and Mender	217/-	"	"	Textile Industry (Woollen & Worsted. Section) Award-(Comm'th)
Warper, Plain	214/-	"	"	
Weaver (loom)	217/-	"	"	
Gillbox Minder	210/-	"	"	
Other Adult	196/-	"	"	
			<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>	
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	215/-	"		
Sewer	215/-	"		
<u>CARDBOARD BOX-</u>				
Boxmaker	213/-	"	When boxes covered with Paper	Graphic Arts Award-(Comm'th)
Other	203/6	"		
<u>PRINTING-</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	215/-	"		
			<u>HOTELS AND SHOPS</u>	
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	295/-	40		
Housemaid	208/-	"		Liquor Trades(Hotels and Wine Saloons) Award-(Comm'th)
Laundress	209/-	"		
Waitress - Head	215/-	"		
Other	208/-	"		
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	208/6	"		Hotel and Restaurant Board (State)
Waitress	208/6	"		
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashiers (Shops)	239/6	"		Commercial Clerks Board (State)
Clerical Assistants	239/6	"		
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	222/-	"		Shops Board No.1. (Boot Dealers)(State)
Drapery Saleswoman	222/-	"		Shops Board No.9 (Drapers & Men's Clothing) (State)

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<u>SHOPS-</u>			
Fruit & Confectionery Saleswoman	218/-	40	Shops Board No.19 (Confectionery etc) (State)
Newsagent & Bookstall Saleswoman	211/-	"	Shops Board No.21 (Booksellers and Newsagents)State)

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